



GOV. MSG. NO. 194

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

February 5, 2010

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6, of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following nomination to the **SPEECH PATHOLOGY and AUDIOLOGY, Board of:**

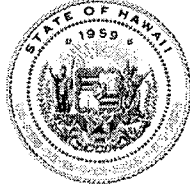
Jenny C. Wells

Term to Expire: 6/30/2013

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Lingle".

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TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2010

Wednesday, February 24, 2010
9:00 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 194.

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Candace Ito and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 194, regarding the **reappointment** of Jenny C. Wells, Ph.D. to the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Wells' reappointment to the Board.

Dr. Wells is being reappointed as a public member. She is currently serving as the Chairperson of the Board.

Dr. Wells holds a master of education degree in special education and a Ph.D. in Education. She is currently an assistant professor of special education at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, College of Education and has seventeen years of experience with the Department of Education as a teacher and administrator. Dr. Wells has worked closely with speech pathologists at the University of Hawaii and Department of Education. This experience gives her a working knowledge of the role of speech pathology in the education system. Dr. Wells' education, work experience and her ability to evaluate issues facing the Board objectively is an asset to the Board.

The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Wells to the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Reappointment Statement for Jenny Wells

As an active public member of the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology since 2007, I have participated in the review of candidates applying for licensure and participated in the discussions and review of related issues that have been brought before the board since I was commissioned. Through this experience I have become very knowledgeable of the process and issues that are brought before the board. I have been elected as the Chair of the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology for 2010. I have begun to fulfill the responsibilities associated with this position, working collaboratively with the DCCA Executive Officer for this board.

The primary purpose of this board is to ensure that those filing applications for licensure as speech pathologists or audiologists are properly vetted to help ensure the safety of the citizens of Hawaii from those who would practice without proper education and training. This board is primarily concerned with the vetting process and issue of licensure. The process as it is now configured runs smoothly; and the expertise of the members of the board provide an excellent forum for discussion and decision-making in cases that have extenuating circumstances.

I have been a special educator in the state of Hawaii for 22 years working for the Department of Education until 2005 when I took a position as an assistant professor in the Special Education Department at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. I have worked collaboratively with speech pathologists in the public school setting and continue to do so at the University of Hawaii. Their services are instrumental in improving the outcomes of students with disabilities and they are relied upon by families and educators to provide critical assessment and treatment information to the multidisciplinary teams that are tasked with providing educational services to these students. I believe that my prior work experiences have provided me with insight into the profession and the expectations of the consumers of their services. I feel that I bring an objective point of view to the board and provide balance to the members who are themselves speech pathologists or audiologists.

I appreciate your time in reviewing my credentials and hope that you will provide me the opportunity to continue to serve the people of Hawaii as a member of the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology.

Mahalo,

Jenny C. Wells